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In re Patent Application of:
Carlos E. Collazo

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Group Art Unit: 3731

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed September 16, 2005, setting forth a Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application. In the Office Action, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

I. Claims 1-5, drawn to a method.

II. Claims 6-17, drawn to an apparatus.

In response, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group II, corresponding to claims 6-17. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application corresponding to the non-elected claims.

In the event any fee is due in connection with the present response, the Examiner is authorized to charge

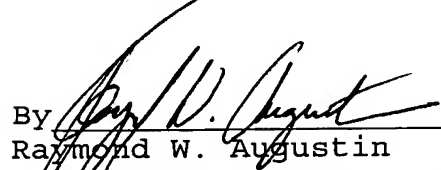
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